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To: House State Administration Committee

From: Joy Bruck, AARP Montana Volunteer Advocate

Re: Support HB 48, "Establish on-line voter registration"

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for the record my name is Joy Bruck, state president of AARP Montana that represents around 150,000 members in this state. We urge this committee to approve House Bill 48, a bill that will create an on-line voter registration system for Montanans.

Many AARP members participate in the democratic process of voting but sometimes finding transportation to the County Election Administrator to register to vote or change one's address through the post office mail service can be difficult and time-intensive. We appreciate the intent of this bill and believe it would lessen the burden and mountain of paperwork to be processed by our election offices. Additionally, as of December of 2014 twenty other states have online voter registration options and another four states have passed new legislation creating the same systems. We believe it is time for Montana to join the tech-savvy age and allow for this online tool to be created for our voting population.

I appreciate your time today and urge a do pass on HB 48. Thank you.

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